

REMARKS

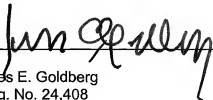
As a result of the foregoing amendment, Claims 7-11, 13-18 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 19 has been amended to include the recitation of cancelled Claim 20. Additionally, Claim 19 has been amended to change the typographical error "are" to "or" and to change "silicon carbon" to "silicon carbide".

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claim 12 and Claim 19 as amended is appreciatively acknowledged. As a result of the foregoing amendment, it is clear that Claim 19 and Claim 12, which is dependent thereon, are allowable.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and a prompt Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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